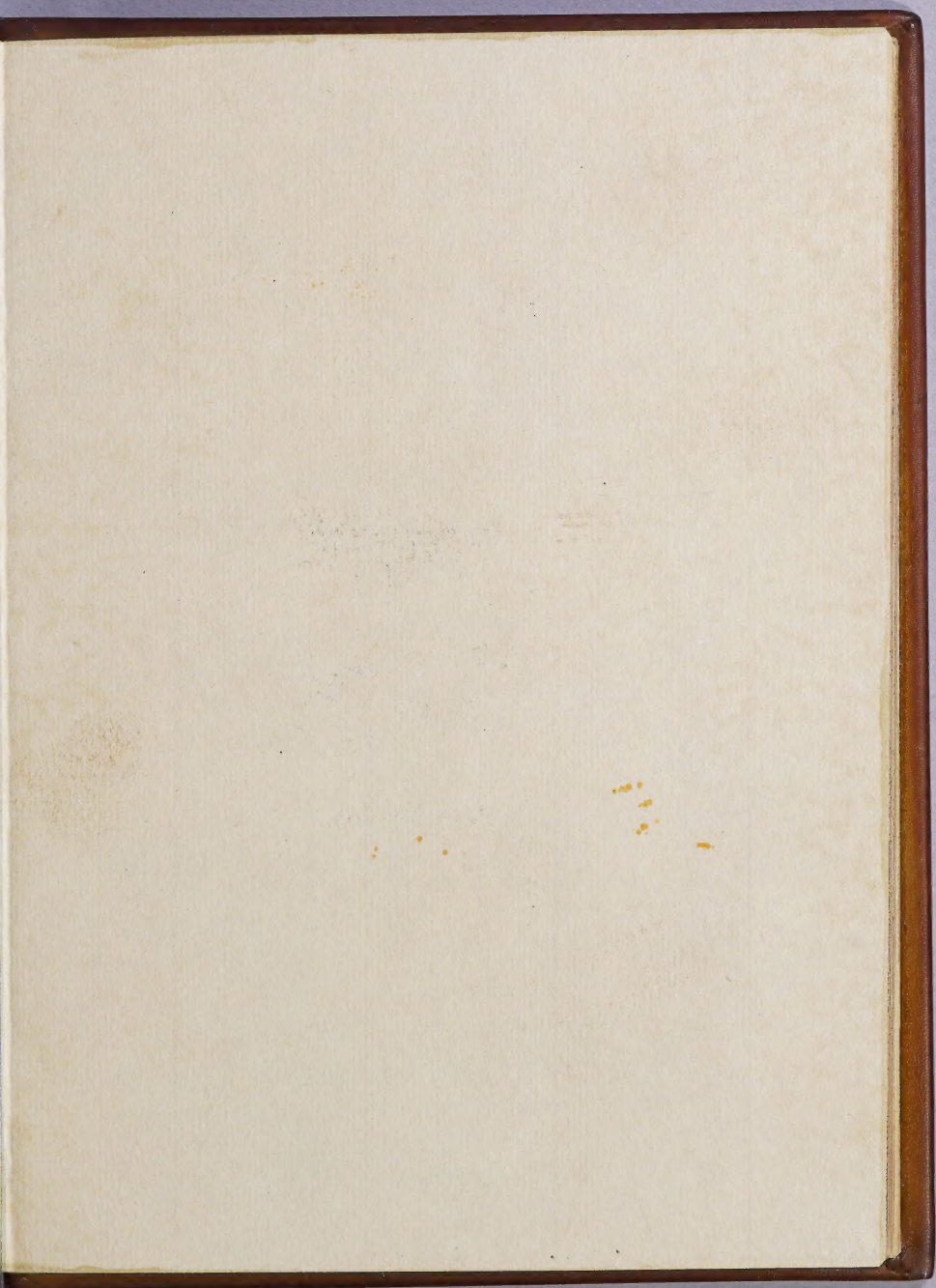




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TRADES

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By Fishing for Herrings &c

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To the Reader.



Entle Reader, I commend unto you a Polidorus his Treasure; yet without either murther or theft, but else as rich. So I confesse without leaue, neither may the Authour bee offended, if what I haue borrowed for my priuate vse, I haue payed to the seruice of the Common-wealth, in that what hee intended at the instance of one, being written, is be-houefull o euery one.

One Pirhius, a crafty Sicilian, finding an honest Romane Gentleman, called Canius, Desirous of a pleasant Garden in the Island, he inuited him to his; and conducted diuers poore Fishermen to attend that day his Bankes, with Boates and Nets; and to bring in plenty of fish, and to lay them at his feete. The Guest asking what that meant, was answered by the Huxter, That it was the Royalty of that place, there was more fish thereabouts, then in any other streame of Syracuse And as oft as he repaired thither, that seruice was due, and done unto him. The poore Gentleman was taken with the Nets, and presently dealeth with the owner for the Garden, who suffering himselfe to be much improutuned, at the length was intreated to sell it full deerely: The day following, the buyer, disposed

To the Reader.

sed to shew the magnificence of his purchase, inuiteth diuers friends to accompany him thither, and missing the concourse and confluence of his expected homagers, the Fishermen (For there was neither Boate, Oare, Net, or Fin of fish to be seene) asketh his new neighbours whether it were a holiday for Fishermen? The plaine folk answered, None they knew of; & further wondred at the former resort, for they neuer saw before Boates or Fishermen there. In a word, hee was co-sened. But it is not so in this fishing Proiect, to the which you are now invited frankly and plainly: Nullæ hic piscatorum feræ; we may alwaies fish here without feare of any Sicilian purchase, or scarcity of the Romane Macrobius his Table, where there was Piscis, but paucorū hominum. Here is fish, the King of fish, the meate and Marchandize of both remote and neighbour Nations. To perswade hereto, the Authour hath dealt by way of comparison, not thereby to derogate from other Trades, but to aduance this Mysterie, and indeed, to shew that they may all receiue true nourishment from this nursery. Let therefore no man take that with the left hand which is offered with the right. And though, by the opinion of some of vnderstanding in those faculties, there is a reasonable suruicy giuen of our Sea-trades, State, and Breeding; and out of others iudgements, there is euen Candor animi in all particulars, without either suspicion of any personall taxation offered, or any States blot suspected: Yet I desire also to professe the Authours true and faire meaning herein, and to make good the ouersights that may bee committed in the particular tra-uerse, with that of the Poet, Vbi plurima nitent, Non ego

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ego paucis offendor maculis. Of the subiect its
selfe I will onely say thus much, That if Aurum por-
tans hath beene alwaies welcome, hence you may
receiue gold, pay the Kings duties, and doe your Coun-
treys seruice; and so I leaue these businesses to their own
abilities, and take my leaue of you with this conclusion
of them.

Nisi peracta luduntur.

L. R.

Go ye forth, O ye men of the world, and
 let it be known unto you, that if ye will
 have the Kingdom of Heaven, ye must
 first be baptized in the name of the Lord
 Jesus Christ, and then ye shall receive
 the Holy Ghost, and shall be able to
 overcome all the temptations of the
 devil, and shall inherit the Kingdom
 of Heaven.

With great affection.

A. R.



The Trades Increase.

SEEING by chance a late
 Treatise entitled, *Englands*
way to winne wealth, &c. and
 being easily inuited to reade
 the same, euen for the Titles
 sake; I must confesse my selfe
 so affected with the proiect,
 that I presently resolved to
 goe a fishing, withall concluding with my selfe,
 that as there is no fishing to the sea: so there was
 no fish in the sea like to the Herring: and for that
 my estate is but meane, and my selfe a fresh-water
 Souldier, it requireth cost, and I would haue com-
 pany: the sea is large enough, and hath room
 enough for vs all, and there are Herrings enough
 to make vs all rich: for that I say a man may runne
 a course this way, to enrich himselfe, to strengthen
 his countrey, to enable his Prince more honestly
 then many late sea-courses can warrant vs in, more
 easily, more safely, more certainly then any other
 sea-

*By Mr. Job
 Gontfoma*

sea-course can perswade vs to whatsoeuer; I could not choose, out of my allegiance to my Prince, out of my duty to my Countrey, out of my loue to my neighbour, but commend these motiues concerning the same to a further consideration, consisting,

In the { Necessitie,
Facilitie,
Profit, and } fishing.
{ Vse of }

The necessity out of want of { Shipping.
Mariners.
Impliment of mē.

As concerning ships, it is that which euery one knoweth, and can say, they are our weapons, they are our ornaments, they are our strength, they are our pleasures, they are our defence, they are our profit; the subiect by them is made rich, the kingdom through them strong, the Prince in them mighty; in a word, by them in a manner we liue, the kingdom is, the king reigneth. If the sea faile, the *Venetians* they fall; and if we want ships, wee are dissolued. *Esops* Sheeheard kept his flocke well so long as he nourished his dogge; but when the Wolfe had perswaded him that he was superfluous, hee cosened him easily of all his sheepe. It is the kingdoms case in shipping, which made that heroicall King of *Denmarke* at his view of the Kings maiesties Nauy at *Chattam*, confesse he then saw the strength of *England*, the greatnesse of our King,

King, *In solatanta est fiducia Nave.*

Concerning the want of Shipping, though to ^{Want of ship-}
 presse the consideration thereof be very material, ^{ping.}
 yet the poynt it selfe is to be handled very tender-
 ly: for that as I haue no pleasure to touch our
 owne wounds, so I am loath in this case to disco-
 uer our owne wants; for that I feare the enemy
 will sooner take the aduantage of them, then wee
 will be stirred vp thereby to make supply. To giue
 therefore the true and faithfull subiect a darke
 Lanthorne whereby hee may onely see himselfe,
 and he not be seene, setting the contemplation of
 the Kings royall Nauy aside, so mighty, so well
 conditioned, which hath so many good Officers,
 and such worthy Ouer-seers, which is so charge-
 able to his Maiestie to maintaine, as I hope it
 will neuer be safe for the enemy to meddle with-
 all: setting, I say, this aside, our Merchants Nauie
 consisteth in the Shippes

For { The Straights.
 Spaine.
 France.
 Hambrough and Middlebrough.
 The Sound.
 Newcastle.
 Island.
 New found Land.
 The East Indies.

I haue not named *Moscovie*, because we haue in
 a manner lost that Trade, the troubles of that

The Countrey
being afflicted
with war, and
the Hollanders
will, *petere ci-
bum e flamma.*

kingdome, and our desire of security hauing de-
priued vs therof, which we may the more lament,
because I haue heard Marchants affirme, that in
these vncomfortable daies of aduenturing, it was
one of their best Trades, and with no small mer-
uaile yet vpheld, and most prouidently followed
by the Hollanders, we being scarred away from so
good & profitable a trade, as birds from Cherrie-
trees, with the shew of dead carkasses, or shout of
boyes, whilst other lusty and plumpe laddes haue
willicie beate away the children, beate downe the
scarre crowes, and stolen the fruite away, to their
great gaine, and our disgrace, there repairing not
thither aboute two Ships English in stead of se-
uenteene of great burden for the company for-
merly, besides Enterlopers, to the great decay of
our Marchants and shipping: whereas the Hol-
lander (according to a credible report made) be-
tweene the Ward-house and the East-ward, at
Tippenie, Kilden, Olena, and the Riuer *Cole* at *Colmo-
grane*, and at *Saint Nicholas* in *Russia*, had aboute
thirty fine sailes of their Shippes the last yeare.
Happily some will say, that they made so poore a
voyage that they had bene better kept themselues
at home; and it is very likely, yet the yeare before,
they had some thirty saile, and now this yeare they
haue againe repaired their Nauy, renewed their
aduenture, and sent neere as many, as neither dis-
maied with troubles, nor yet discouraged with
losse; and to make it the more strange that they
shold thus preuēt our trade, & increase their own:
as it was after vs that they came thither euen by
leane

leauē, as it were, to gleane with our Reapers, (for the fields were ours) the discouery of the Land, and Trade wholly ours, found out by *Chanceler* and *Willoughby*, and euer since continued by our Merchants) so againe their best Trade thither, is maintained euen by our owne commodities, as Tinne, Lead, Course-clothes and Kerseis: the inconuenience whereof, together with the preuention, I leauē to the sensible consideration, to the sufficient ability of the *Moscouie* Marchant, who I feare can scarce heare mee, being (as I said) gone so farre as the *East-Indies*; and if I should send to him, I feare I should not finde him at leasure, hauing thither transported much of the *Moscouie* Staple. For the Marchants that formerly vsed the *Moscouie* Trade are now there seated; and because as we know it is warmer there, and as they find it, it is very profitable, we will also by Compasse trauell thither our selues; that as *Valeria* a faire Lady, answering to *Scilla* in the Theater, being demanded, Why shee pressed so neere, said; That thereby shee might haue some of his felicity; so by being in their company, wee may communicate with them of their good fortunes, or commune with them of our wants.

So then, to beginne our iourney at the noblest place for worth, and one of the newest in knowledge, the worthiest in former remembrance; the worst in present reputation, for the bottome of the *Straights*, the first in name, and whilome a very materiall busines of Marchandize: I do find this Trade but easie, and the difficulties many and

The Straights.

new, the Trade it selfe being lessened by the circumuention of the *East-Indie* nauigation, which fetcheth the Spices from the well head; and I find the rest of the benefites alayed, by charges, by insultation of Pirates, and infidelity of seruants. These make presents and profit of their Maisters goods abroad, so farre, that some of the owners become lame at home: Pirates meete with that whereby others are extreemly hindred, and by the charges the rest are exceedingly discouraged, so that the Merchants returne is but poore, and the nauigation much lessened, the employment thitherward fayling in neere thirty shippes, & those of such burden, that they were of defence and renowne to the kingdome. I heard a worthy Merchant in his time *Thomas Cordell* of *London* say, that on the first beginning of the *Turkey* Trade, his selfe with other Merchants, hauing occasion to attend the late Queens Maiesties Priuy Councell about that businesse, they had great thanks & commendations for the shippes they then builded of so great a burden for those partes, by the Earles of *Bedford* and *Leicester*, and other honorable Personages, with many encouragements to goe forward (euen to vse their owne words) for the *Kingdomes* sake, notwithstanding it was then to their great benefite likewise, whose ordinarie returnes at the first were three for one, which I speake not out of enuy. For as all callings are, and ought to be maintained through the profite that ariseth thereby, labours rewarded, dangers recompenced by the sweat and sweet of gaine; nay,

in our most Liberall Professions, the Diuine for his spirituall nourishment hath temporall foode; the Physition for the care of the body asketh the comfort of the purse; and the Lawyer must bee payd for his Plea: so Merchants of all Companies the most liberall, are likewise of all sortes the most worthie to gaine, *Vt qui per vniuersum orbem discurrunt, mare circumlustrantes & aridam;* to vse that hopefull Prince in his time King Edward the sixt his words in a Letter to forren Princes, in Sir *Hugh willoughbie* his behalfe. But to end my long Parenthesis, I speake it I say out of pittie, to see now the returne so meane, the Merchant so discouraged, the shipping so diminished: and to conclude this poynt without loue or anger, but with admiration of our neighbours the now *Sea-herrrs*, the Nation that get health out of their owne sickenesse, whose troubles begot their liberty, brought foorth their wealth, and brought vp their strength, that haue out of our leauings gotten themselues a lining, out of our wants make their owne supply of Trade and shipping there; they comming in long after vs, equall vs in those partes in all respects of priuilege and port; that haue deuanced vs so farre in shipping, that the *Hollanders* haue more then one hundred saile of shippes that vse those parts, continually going and returning, and the chiefeest matters they doe lade outward, be *English* Commodities, as Tinne, Lead, and Bailes of such like stuffe as are made at *Norwich*.

For the rest of the Straights, one side, as the coast

Seeing bound
for discoueries
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See-herren.

coast of *Barbary*, serues onely for places and Cit-
ties of refuge, not after the Diuine *Leuiticall* law,
when one hath killed a man by chance there to be
succoured: but after that diabolicall *Alcoran*, when
any haue robbed and murdered abroad, thither
they may repaire, be in safety, and enioy.

The other side, as *Naples*, *Genoa*, *Ligorne*, and
Marseilles, employ some twenty saile, and they
most with Herring. For the Ports neere to the
Straights mouth, as *Malega*, &c. wee haue some
store of shipping, as about thirtie saile, that begin
in Iune to set forth some for *Ireland*, to lade Pipe-
staues in their way to *Malega*, they returning *Ma-
lega* wines. But the *Hollanders* likewise haue found
out that Trade, and be as busie amongst the Irish
as our selues for Pipe-staues: nay, by your leaue,
they haue beene too busie there of late with some
of our poore Country-mens wind-pipes; but that
is besides the matter heere. But for *Malega* it selfe,
the Inhabitants there haue through our plentifull
resort thither, planted more store of Vines, so that
on our recourse thither, our marchants haue with-
drawne themselues much from *Cherris*.

Spaine.

For *Andalusia*, *Quantado*, *Lisborne*, *Portugall*, it
is easily knowne what shipping wee haue there by
our Trade, which is but meane, consisting in
Sacke, Sugar, Fruit, and *west-Indie* Drugs, which
may employ some twenty ships. Amongst these
Cherris Sackes are likewise brought into *England*,
especially in *Flemish* Bottomes.

For the bringing in from thence any store of
salt by vs, it is excepted against, we being by report
furnished

furnished principally by the *Hollanders* of most of the salt that our Fisher Townes do vse for the salting of Island fish, and all other Fish for Herring and Staple-fish, as the Ports of *London, Colchester, Ipswich, Tarmouth, Linne, Hull, Scarbrough*, can testifye. *Albrough* men were wont to bring it in, especially employing some thirty or forty Saile belonging to it, of some seuen or eight score, or two hundred Tunne; which for the most part, were set on worke all the yeare long, with transporting of coales from *Newcastle* to *France*, and fetching salt from thence; which Trade is now much decayed with *France*, by the double dilligence of the *Hollanders*, who serue vs principally from *Spaine*.

For our Trade to *Burdeaux*, it is lightly as great *France* as euer it was: For I do not thinke there was euer more Wine drunke in the Land. Yet that voyage appeareth not to be so beneficiall in regard of the small rate that the Owners and Sea-men haue thither-ward. *France* may euery way employ, and those most small vessels, some threescore ships and barks.

To *Hambrough* and *Middlebrough* there are be- *Hambrough & Middlebrough* longing six or seuen ships to each place, and they lade for the Company (and are called *Appointed Ships*) euery three months in all the yeare, there may be laden some thirty odde Shippes, and they but 14 or 15 bodily. But as they make, as is said, two voyages the Ship, how it standeth with them, or how they will stand, it is vncertaine in regard of the manner of the altering of Trading with their cloath. Once for certaine the Merchant
C aduenturers

adventurers ships haue been alwaies formerly the sure stay of Merchants seruices both for their readinesse, goodnesse, and number of shipping touching the common-wealths affaires.

The Sound.

For *Danske, Meluin* and *Quinsbrough*, there are not aboue five or sixe shippes of *London*, that vse those places, as many more of *Ipswich*, and so likewise from *Hull, Linne*, and *Newcastle*, the like proportion resorteth thither for Trade. These make some two returnes in the yeare: but in all those places the *Hollanders* doe abound, and bring in more commodities by five times to vs, then our owne shipping. And for *Liesland*, the *Narue*, *Rye*, and *Renell*, the *Hollanders* haue all the Trade in a manner; the commodities from these former places being Corne, Flaxe, Sope-ashes, Hempe, Iron, Waxe, and all sorts of Deale.

For *Normay* we haue not aboue five; and they aboue forty saile, and those double or treble our burden euen for the Citty.

Newcastle.

The next is *Newcastle* Trade, and for certaine the chiefest now in esse, for maintenance of shipping, for setting Sea-fearing men on worke, and for breeding daily more, there may be about some two hundred saile of *Caruiles*, that onely vse to serue the Citty of *London*, besides some two hundred more that serue the sea-coast towns throughout *England*, small and great, as Barques and other shipping of smaller burden, and more might easily be: for hither euen to the Mines mouth, come all our Neighbour Country Nations with their Shippes continually, employing their owne shipping

shipping and Mariners. I doubt me whether if they had such a treasure, they would not imploy their owne shipping. The *French* saile hither in whole Fleetes, some forty or fifty saile together, especially in Summer, seruing all their Portes of *Picardie*, *Normandie*, and *Brittaine*, euen as farre as *Rochel* and *Bourdeaux*, with their owne shippes and sailers from *Newcastle*. So they of *Breame*, *Embsden*, *Holland* and *Zealand* do serue all *Flaunders*, and the Archdukes Countries, whose shipping is not great: These paying no more then his Maiesties owne naturall subiects, if they transport any coales. Which imposition, say our men, made our Countrey men forbear their carrying any more Coales abroad, because the *Frenchmen* would not giue aboue their old rate: and which was worse, thereby they sold away their shippes, some to *France*, some to *Spaine*, some to other Countries. Whereby sure their faults are more apparant then their ill fortune, in that though their gaine was lesse at the instant, by the imposition then formerly, yet to leaue the Trade, argued neither good spirits, nor great vnderstanding, nor any especiall good minde to their Countrey. For whence I pray you came such a necessity to leaue the Trade and to giue ouer shipping, as if they could not liue thereby; when presently forraigne Nations sell to the Trade themselues, as is formerly set downe, and fetch away our coales on the same tearmes which wee do refuse? And by report, notwithstanding the five shillings imposed, the *French* do sell in *France* one Chauldron of coales

for as much money as will buy three or foure of *Newcastle*. Had they held to with patience, either they might haue brought the stranger to their price, or else by due order and discret fashion opened the inconueniency to the state, of the strangers stomach in refusing their Coale, and fetching them their selues: so as they might easily haue wearied them, and won their Trade and gaine againe; whereas now they are beggard, our Country dis-furnisht of shipping. The stranger keeping his coine at home, bringeth hither bare and base commodities, their shipping & Mariners are employed and increased; and notwithstanding the *Argus* eyes of the Searcher, carry gold away with them, alwaies bringing more in stocke with them, then they carry away in commodities.

For to make a motion to haue this fiue shillings excused in our owne Nation, is rather profitable then necessary, in regard wee see the stranger thriveth notwithstanding it, and it being done out of his Maiesties royal prerogative, & *ex causa lucratiua*, as is apparant by what the stranger gaineth; and the like is willingly imbraced here in other transportations, as Beere, &c. were, me thinkes, vndurifull likewise. But to mention a motion very lately made, and generally amongst his Maiesties loyall subiects imbraced; Might it please his Maiesty to make and ordaine a Staple Towne in *England* for Sea-coale, and we haue many fit places, and Harbours more neere and proper then that of *Tinmouth*, at *Newcastle* (and herein as I am bound in affection to wish well to *London*, so I must, out
of

of many mens iudgements, commend *Harewich*,
statio bene fida Carinis, and then lying fit for the
 Low-countries, and indeed open to all Nations
 by the benefite of the large sea which washeth it)
 whereby strangers shall be restrained from further
 Trade to *Newcastle*, and shall all repaire to the said
 Staple Towne to fetch their Coales: Besides that
 it would be an exceeding benefite to his Maiesty,
 it would likewise helpe vs in this our complaint of
 want of shipping. For by this meanes our *English*
 bottomes bringing all the Coales to the Staple
 Towne, shall not onely be set on worke, but in-
 crease will follow in Shipping. The *Venetians*
 sometime passed being out-gone by those of *Zant*
 in their custome, drew the Trade from the *Greci-*
ans, and planted as it were, a Colonie of *Curranes*
 at *Venice*. If for a little custome, and to pull downe
 their suspected subiects swelling mindes, they did
 so, why should not his Maiesty for the increase of
 his Shipping, and the releiuing of the prostrate
 estate of his faithfull and humble subiects, take
 this warrantable course?

Island voiage entertaineth 120 ships and barkes. *Island.*
New found Land employeth some 150 saile, from *New found Land*
 all parts, of small ships, but with great hazard; and
 therefore that voyage, feared to be spoiled by hea-
 then and sauage, as also by Pirates.

Now followeth the consideration of the East *East Indies.*
Indie Trade, into whose seas, not onely the Riuer
 of *Volga*, as before you heard, disemboqueth it self,
 but euen the bottoime of the *Straights* is emptied
 to fill vp those gulfes, and not so onely, but besides
 that

that many of our best Marchants haue transported their Staples thither; it hath also begot out of all Callings, Professions, and Trades, many more new Merchants. Then where there is increase of Merchants, there is increase of Trade; where Trade increaseth, there is increase of Shipping; where increase of Shipping, there increase of Mariners likewise: so then rich and large *East Indies*. The report that went of the pleasing notes of the Swannes in *Meander* floud, farre surpassing the records of any other birds in any other places whatsoever, drew thither all sorts of people in great confluence, and with great expectation to heare, and enioy their sweete singing. When they came thither, they found in stead of faire white Swans, greedy Rauens, and deuouring Crowes; and heard, in stead of melodious harmony, vntunable and loathsome croaking. In indignation that they were so receiued and deceiued, in stead of applauding, they hissed; and of staying, fled away. You are now braue *East Indies*, *Meander* floud, your Trade is the singing of Swannes, which so many iourney so farre to enioy. God forbid you should be found so discoloured, and we so ill satisfied. And howsoever that I may be sure to auoide any detraction, whereby my nature might haue any imputation, or by calling vp more spirits into the circle then I can put downe againe, I might incurre some danger, and be taxed likewise of indiscretion, for that we onely hitherto haue complained of the want of Shipping; we desire now but herein to suruey the store, and see how
you

you helpe the increase. You haue built more Ships
in your time, and greater farre then any other
Merchants Ships; besides what you haue bought
out of other Trades, and all those wholly belong-
ing to you; there hath beene entertained by you
since you first aduentured, one and twentie
Ships, besides the now intended voiage of one
new Ship of seuen hundred Tunne; and happily
some two more of increase. The least of all your
Shipping is of foure score Tunne: all the rest are
goodly Shippes, of such burthen as neuer were
formerly vsed in Merchandize; the least and mea-
nest of these last is of some hundred and twentie
Tunne, and so go vpward euen to eleuen hundred
Tunne. You haue set forth some thirteen voyages,
in which time you haue built of these, eight new
Shippes, and almost as good as built the most of
the residue, as the *Dragon*, the *Hector*, &c. so that at
the first appearance you haue added both strength
and glory to the Kingdome by this your accession
to the Nauy. But where I pray you are all these
Ships? foure of these are cast away, of the which
one was of three hundred Tunne, another of foure
hundred, the third of three hundred, and the
fourth of eleuen hundred; two more are docked
vp there as Pinaces to Trade vp and down: the rest
are either employed in the Trade in the *Indies*, or
at home out of reparations; which if true, if the
Kingdome should haue need of them on any oc-
casion, it shall surely want their seruice; and so then
there is not onely no supply to the Nauy this way,
but hurt euen to the whole kingdome, the woods
being

being cut downe, and the Shippes either lost, or not seruiceable. Surely stories can shew vs, which we may reade in the courses of Common-weales, how tolerable, nay how laudable it is in all States, to enlarge Commerce. Merchants whom wee should respect, can tell vs of the casualties which not onely the Ships, but their estates are subiect to by aduentures. Mariners whom we must pity, can teach vs of the ordinary dangers not onely that Shippes and goods, but their liues are subiect to by sea. I must not then exprobrate that to them which is to be imputed to the Sea; nor are they to be blamed out of reason for that which deserueth, in humanity, commiseration; nor is *England* bounded by our Horizon, to go no further then we see. We haue learned long since, that *Mercatura sit enuis sordida, si magna splendida*: the stranger the Country, the greater the aduenture; the more famous our Nation, the more worthy the Merchant. Before wee were, euen *Horace* writ, *Currit Mercator ad Indos*. Loath then am I to borrow that saying of *Demosthenes* on his courting of *Lais*, to pay it to the *Indian Trade*, by alleaging, that *Non tanti Emam penitentiam*, only hauing now in common that *Roman* prouiso, *Ne quid detrimenti resp. capiat*. Let vs examine that which may moue patience, that our woods are cut downe, and the Shippes either lost or not seruiceable: Our woods I say, cut downe in extraordinary manner, neither do the Shippes die the ordinary death of Shippes. Our woods extraordinarily cut downe, in regard of the greatnesse of the Shipping, which doth

doth as it were deuoure our timber. I am able out of sufficient testimony to affirme, that since the *Indian* Trade, and meerely through their building of their ships of so great burthen, and their repairing (the building notwithstanding beganne but five yeares since) that timber is raised in the Land five shillings, and more, in the load, nay, almost not to be had for money, which the Company (no question) being sensible of, very wisely seeke to helpe themselves in, by building of ships in *Ireland* for their seruice: yet it seemeth their incouragement that was, is but *necessitous* in regard by their owne saying, besides the hazard, the charges are little lesse; and which is worse, that kinde of timber is but vntoward for that vse, being so extreame heauy, that a ship of small burden, draweth much water. If in five yeares space their building, together with their repairing of shippes, almost equall to building, beget such a scarcitie, what will a little continuance bring forth? Bring forth I cannot say ought, but a priuation will follow euen of all our timber-wood. The Kings Navy must be maintained, other Marchants of lower ranke must haue shipping, and the sea-trade may increase, and then either wee must trade without shipping, or make ships without timber.

When the *Norman Conquerour* hauing subdued the most part of the kingdome, passed from *Essex* into *Kent*, which then made head against him, the *Kents*, hauing by the aduice of their politique Bishop, and their stout Abbot, cut downe great boughes, and with them in their armes marched

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towards the *Conquerour*; whereby, besides the novelty of the fight, the Army appeared double as big. *William* himselfe so conceiuing it, as also amazed to see woods walke; more feared and discontented with that fight, then otherwise assured with his former successe, condescended to what demands soeuer were made by those people, to haue such weapons laid downe, and to gaine such ingenious subiects; whereby, to their eternall benefite, and credite, their persons were neuer in bondage, nor their Lawes altered. In this their Land-stratageme, I see our sea-Arts, in that and these woods being the fatal instrument of our fortunes, boughes of Trees kept the *Kentish-men* out of seruitude, when they held them in their hands, and but for shew; their bodies will keepe vs in liberty when they containe vs, and are for seruice, and by their mouing on the water they will amaze both *French* and *Spanish*, and whomsoeuer, and keepe them, and all others, from comming neere

34. Hen. 8. 17. vs: Out of which prouident fore-sight, our most
 13. Eliz. 25. worthy Princes formerly raigning, haue made diuers Lawes in fauour of timber trees: and our most noble King hath prouided therto with new accessions for the preserving and increasing of them; but that a parricide of woods should thus be committed by building of ships, it was neuer thought on by any of our royall *Solons*, and therefore there was no prouiso for it: Nay, this inconvenience was so little suspected, that our sayd famous Princes haue prouided cleane contrary, with great bounty and indulgence, hauing encouraged

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 Proclamation
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 with Timber.

raged by reward out of their owne purses the builders of great ships; as bestowing on the builders five shillings on the Tun for euery Tunne that is builded aboue one hundred Tun in a ship, so necessary did the Prince thinke his maintenance of shipping, the accession thereof consisting much in their greatnesse, to the honour and safety of the Kingdome; & such vse he made account he should haue of them. Whereas now this way he contributeth, to the spoile of his woods, to the losse of the ships, and to the hurt of the Kingdome. I heard a Ship-wright say on the losse of the *Trades Increase*, that if you ride forty miles from about *London*, you could not finde sufficient Timber to build such an other. It was a ship of eleuen hundred Tunne: for beauty, burthen, strength, and sufficiency, surpassing all Marchants ships whatsoeuer. But alas! shee was but shewne, out of a cruell destiny shee was ouertaken with an vntimely death in her youth and strength; being deuoured by those Iron wormes of that Country, that pierced her heart, and brake many a mans withall memorable in her misfortune, onely redounding to the Commonwealthes losse. For as for the Marchants, though I pitie their aduentures with all my heart, yet in this their part of losse was least; for all their goods were on shore; and she had brought abundance out of the *Mecha Fleete*, which she did both tith and toll: And thanks be to God, they are more then sauers by what is returned from her, and more then that often, by the grace of God, will come from her to the Marchants gaine.

The like vntimely fall had the other three of great burthen, gallant ships, neuer hauing had the fortune to see their native soile againe, or the honour to do their Country any seruice, in respect of all other ships that wander ordinarily to other Countries, therefore I may iustly say that they die not the ordinary death of ships, who commonly haue some rest, and after long seruice die full of yeares, and at home, much of their timber seruing againe to the same vse, besides their Iron-werke, and the rest otherwise seruiceable, and not in this bloody and vnseasonable fashon, rather indeed as coffins full of liue bodies, then otherwise as comfortable shippes. For the rest that liue, they come home so crazed and broken, so maimed and vnmanned, that whereas they went out strong, they returne most feeble: and whereas they were carried forth with Christians, they are brought home with Heathen. What the profits are to the Marchants, for so great an aduerture, I know not. I am sure amends cannot easly be made for so great a losse, euen in this point which is our special subiect now, for wast of woods, & spoile of shipping.

Our ships are
faine to take in
the natives of
the Indian
Countries to
supply the
wants of our
dead Sea-men
to bring home
their shippes.

And thus we haue surueyed all the fountaines whence our shipping especially doth flow: which before I shut vp, I remember me of a new Spring in *Greeneland*, that batheth some ships and burdenneth them likewise with her owne natural fraight, with the which the Whale is so richly loaden withall. This place is but of late frequented so especially, and hath employed this last yeare some foureteene ships, and more would do, but that the
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poore Fishermen, who though they knew the place before, yet being belike afraid of the Whale, are now swallowed vp in the Whales ships.

The Moscou Merchants haue procured an inhibition for all others from fishing there.

I cannot finde any other worthy place of forren anchorage. For the *Bermudas*, we know not yet what they will doe; and for *Virginia* we know not well what to do with it: the present profit of those not employing any store of shipping: and for this other it is yet but *Embrion*: no question a worthy enterprife and of great consequence, much aboue the Marchants leuell & reach. And sure in regard of the great expences they haue beene at, and the poore returne that is made, they are much to be regarded & commended for holding out so long: I could wish, that as many of the Nobility and Gentry of the land haue willingly embarqued themselves in the labour, so the rest of the Subjects might be vrged to help to forme and bring forth this birth, not of an infant, but of a man; nay, of a people, of a kingdom, wherein are many kingdoms. When *Alcmena* was in trauell with *Hercules*, the Poets say *Iupiter* was faine to be Midwife; and sure, as we haue the countenance of our earthly *Iupiter*, so we are humbly to emprove the propitious presence of our heauenly God, toward the perfection of this so great a worke. And so leauing to medle further with what we haue nothing to do, let vs returne to our ships, out of whose entertainments we may either reioyce at their increase, or by other obseruations preuent their decay: & because we propounded to our selues the necessity of our home-fishing out of the want of

our shipping, we will affirme that by this our superficial view we find a decay thereof, & that out of two reasons; because that in places formerly frequented, our shipping lesseneth, and in places new found, they doe not succeed: we haue giuen reasonable probability of these already without any pleasure, & there is no need of repetition, and it will be more apparant in the preferring of this desire of Fishing, out of the examination of the next inducemēt therto, which is *want of Mariners.*

Want of Mariners.

Mariners, they vse the weapons, shippes, they weare the ornaments, shippes, out of them ships, are strength and pleasure: otherwise they are but Pictures, that haue but a shew, or are as carkasses bereft of life. It is the good Pilot that bringeth the Shippe to the Hauen: It is the wise Maister that gouerneth the men in the Ship; but without men the Maister cannot gouerne, nor the shippe goe: What is a Leader without an Army, and that of Souldiers? the same reason of Sea-men in a ship; the body must haue life, bloud and flesh: the same are Sea-men to a shippe. *Columbus* found out the new world, *Drake* brought home the hidden treasure in a ship; but they were both prouided well of men, and gouerned well: therefore as Shippes are manned; and as Masters vse their men, so ordinarily their shippes succeede. As for this last matter of gouernement, it is besides our busines, wee will leaue that to whom it concerneth. Now then, though wee cannot vse shipping without men, and therefore they must goe together; yet we must consider the one after the other, and ha-
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ning looked into the strength of the one, we will view in them the state of the other, in the which wee will not be long, for that the subiect is vnpleasant, and our Tale is halfe tolde already: for the consequence is necessary. As shippes are employed, so men are busied.

For *Moscow*, it is apparant that the shipping thitherward is decayed; so neither Mariners are well employed that way, nor any Sea-men almost bred. The fleete that went ordinarily thitherward entertained three or foure Nouices in a ship, and so bred them vp Sea-men, which might make in the whole happily some foure score men yearly, which was well for their partes. Now then there were some five hundred Mariners and Saylers employed withall: so then this way there is want.

The like reason of the Straights in their proportion, the very bottome of the Straights failing in thirtie shippes, maketh yearly seuen hundred Sea-men and Mariners at the least, seeke some other courses which were that way employed, besides the vnder-growth hindred of some hundred and forty sea-men yearly. And but that I am loath to renue our complaints; I would say it were great pittie of this so great an ebbe of our men in these seas, for that besides the voyages were of encouragement euen to the *Frie*, all in generall commonly went and returned in good health, a ship seldome loosing a man in a voyage; nay, I heard a proper Maister of a shippe say, that in eightene yeares, wherein he frequented those parts, he lost

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not two men out of his ship: and whatsoeuer may bee imputed to the incontinencie of our men, or the vnwholsomnesse of the women in other places, surely in these parts I heare the common sort of women to be as dangerous, and the generalitie of our men as idely disposed.

Naples, Ligorne, Marseilles, and those parts of the straights, may imploy some foure hundred men, and breed of these about forty.

Malaga imploying besides some foure hundred men, the imployment that may come by all other places in *Spaine* and *Portugall*, not arriving to foure hundred men, in regard of the pouerty of the trade, and the superfluity of the commodities, it being indeede rather entertained because they will not be idle, otherwise then that they are well busied, like foode that keepeth life, not else maintaineth strength; yet it hath a pretty mystery in it, that though the gaine scarce provideth for the Marchants liuelihood, yet the commodities make the land merry: and howsoeuer, I am of the opinion that the former hostile state busied more Sea-men then twice the Trade of *Spaine* can nourish, yet I differ from those that would rather by reprisall make Souldiers, then by nourishing commerce increase Mariners.

Our shipping into *France*, is not such as it hath beene, but nourseth many yong men, or rather sheweth them the Sea, and may busie some seuen or eight hundred men.

Hambrough and *Middlebrough* alwayes haue beene counted the ancient maintainers of Mariners,

ners for the States service on all occasions, being ready at hand, and therefore as we wished well to their Shippes, so we desire encouragement to the men. There may be belonging to their employment some foure or five hundred Mariners and Sea-men.

Norway and the *Sound* may breed and employ some foure hundred men, those parts being most frequented, those commodities most brought in by the *Hollanders*.

Newcastle voyage is the next, and if not the onely, yet the especiall Nursery, and Schoole of Sea-men: For, as it is the chiefest in employment of Sea-men, so it is the gentlest, and most open to land-men: They neuer grudging in their smallest vessels to entertaine some two fresh-men, or learners; whereas, to the contrary, in the Shippes that voyage to the South-ward, or otherwise, farre out of the Kingdome, there is no Owner, or Maister, that will ordinarily entertaine any land-man, be he neuer so willing, as being bound by their *Charter-partie* to the Marchant, as they say, not to carry but sufficient men, and such as know their labour, and can take their turne at the helme, toppe, and yard. It is by great fauour that others slip in, and they very likely; and therefore whereas in former aduentures I allow them the bringing vp of two or three men in a voyage, it is in generall to be vnderstood, that they were first trained vp, either amongst the Coliers in this iourney: or else came out of Fishermens Boates, and yet but Nouices to those Seas and Saylor,

so then this Trade, without all exception, admits of all sorts that neuer see the Sea before: whereby are yearly bred and employed, out of the great store of ships busied therein, some two or three thousand people. A great comfort to youth, and men that want employment, and a great stay to the Sea state, that shall haue need on all occasions of their helpe. I haue shewed my good will enough, being so priuate, to further their employment; and being so ignorant I must not bee bolder.

Island entertainment, asketh and nourisheth some two thousand five hundred men; after the number of shipping and barques set downe, and ordinarily employed.

New-found-land may breed and employ some fiftene hundred; but seeing what discouragements they haue, what casualties they are subiect to, we may iudge of their incertainty.

Out of the extraordinary number of all people busied in these two former employments, it is no vnecessary obseruation, that in any Trade in particular, our coale excepted, our speciall employment, nourishment, and encrease of Sea-men, is euen in this forraine fishing, which I hope will proue but petty, when it cometh to be balanced with our home fishing.

The last Consistance of Shipping propounded, was that of the *East Indies*: which though yongest, was found in shew and state to haue ouer-topped all the rest; as a bird that maketh herselfe gay with the feathers of all other fowles, hauing

having borrowed; nay, having bought the best Shippes out of other Trades to honour their voyage, and plumed even *Constantinople* her selfe, of her shipping: therefore that men are entertained extraordinarily in this voyage, it is apparant out of the greatnesse of the Shipping; the entertainment of them increasing, it should be a consequent that Sea-men increase this way: But that wee may not by ambages triumph in their losse, or our calamities, wee see this way that our Shippes perish, and therefore our men they shrink. Nay, though shippes come home, yet they leaue the men behinde: so in this voyage, there is a two-fold way towards our want of Mariners.

In that Shippes, nay great Shippes, are extraordinarily subiect to bee cast away, and then there must bee losse likewise of men; In that though they come, they come home emptied of their men.

By the losse of foure Shippes, wee haue lost at the least foure hundred and fifty men: and in the adventure of some three thousand that haue beene employed since that voyage beganne, wee haue lost many aboue two thousand.

Dauid refused to drinke of the Well of *Bethelme*, which the strong men had fetched, when he thirsted and longed, because it was the price of blood. This Trade, their commodities are at a far deerer rate, being bought with so many mens liues.

But happily some will say that the greatest losse

of these men was at the beginning, when as all things are difficult: but since our men, framed to a better composition of themselves, to the variety of this Clymate, and heartened to the tediousnesse of this voyage, haue better endured and overcome those difficulties, and returned more comfortably. Herein the latest voyages will informe vs best, and we will instance it in the three last that haue made returnes.

The Trades
Increase.

The first was vnder Sir *Henry Middleton*, whose former gouernment in that kind of voyage, had approoued his wisdome and moderation. His ship was that famous and infortunate vessell of eleuen hundred Tun; his company in that ship some two hundred and twenty men. After foure yeares errours vp and downe the sea, wherein he vnderwent many constructions at home, and overcame strange difficulties abroad; hauing, to his eternall reputation of policy and courage, out-gone the perfidious Turke, and revenged their barbarous wrongs, to the Matchants gaine, and the Kingdomes repute. After He, and his, had, I say, been accompanied with many sorrowes; with labour, hunger, heate, sicknesse, and perill; That worthy Commander, with many a sufficient Mariner, with the whole number (ten excepted) of his liue *Cargazon*, perished in that Acheldama, in that bloody field of *Bantum*.

Nicholas Downton, the Vice-admirall of that Fleet, returned, and of seuentie he carried forth, brought home some twenty; the rest, their labours and liues were sacrificed to that implacable

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East Indian *Neptune*: the *Darling* of that voyage is yet there, nor neuer will the Maister, an approved Sea-men, returne, with diuers others.

The second was that of Captaine *Saris*, and Captaine *Towerson*, men formerly exercised in those iourneys, and therefore thought meet to command. Whether they were short of the opinion conceiued of them or no, I know not; if they were, I should attribute part of the losse of their men to their insufficiency, but that the destiny of that country chalengeth it all to it selfe. Captaine *Towerson* who first returned, hauing left behinde him of some hundred and twenty carried forth, fourescore and foue; and Captaine *Saris*, of some 90 & odde not having brought home aboue two or three and twenty: the *Thomas* of that voyage, which went forth with some 60 men, was brought home by way of a wrecke, you know the destruction of men that name importeth.

The third, that of Captaine *Tho. Best*, Admirall of the Fleete, a man whose former behauiour in Sea-affaires, drew into that iourney with great expectation, and which is very seldome and hard, his carriage in this employment went beyond the great expectation of a reposed demeanour, indulgent to his men, vigilant in his charge, his courage like to his carriage; and his fortune aboue all: he checked the *Indians*, he mated the *Portugals*: those honour our King, these feare his forces: he settled a trade in *Cambaya*, reduced things in order in *Bantam*, brought riches home for the Merchants, and kept reputation for himselfe;

Captaine *Pemerton* that escaping imprisonment at

Moha, iourning in that vknown Countrey 15 miles by night, got to the sea-side, and finding a small Canow, made a saile of his shirt, and a mast of a stick, and so recovered the ships.

By staying in an *Armenian* ship, wherein at least were some 400 men bound to the Indies, and commaunding the Port, hee drew from the plain dealing, and made honourable conditions for the Marchants. He encountered foure *Galions*, wherein might be some two thousand men.

yet for all this he had, *Nemesis in dorso*, the Indian vengeance hanted his ship euen to our coasts; off some hundred and eighty men vnder him when he went forth, depriuing him of one hundred and odde men for euer. Some foure or fise and twenty of the remainder are left, on the desperate account of men, for the Countries fasteridge, onely thirty are returned. In two great Sea-fights with the Portugals and their Gallions, which continued foure whole dayes, hee lost not foure men. It was not then the fortune of the warre; neither out of want of ought that victuals and good gouernment could affoord; imputations to some other voyages: Nor had the length of time any fault, part of others bane; he hauing made the voyage in shorter space then any other ordinarily; the dogged Starre of those Clymates, the stench of those Countries were his Fatality.

As one Swallow maketh no Summer, so it is not much to bee maruailed, that in all these voyages some one Ship hath not beene scarred, and not else much hurt in this iourney: She indeed but euen seeing those Coasts, and presently on so great a glut of our men and ships, with the which it seemeth the Sea and Land was then busied and full; when as Captaine *Newport* returned with little losse, and in short time.

Now then as we haue said before, that the Indian shippes die not the ordinary death of Shippes: and that we haue shewen likewise before, that men doe die extraordinarily in this voyage, which is almost incredible: they are distressed likewise after
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their death, and that is very apparant by the meane account made to their heires of what they had in possession in their life time, by what should otherwise be due to them in their purchase, by the calamities of their wiues, children, and friends, after their death. Fabulous and phantasticall Legends haue beene made of the restless death of many concealed extortioners, and murderers, whose ghosts haue been said to walke in paine and penance. On the contrary, how many liue bodies, indeed the true images of the deceased, complain on the death, call for the due of their friends, Fathers, Husbands, Children, Kinsfolkes, and Creditors? Poore *Ratlife, Lime house, Blacke wall, Shadwell, Wapping*, and other Sea-townes abroad can sensibly tell. The Marchant he is at home, and therefore he cannot embezell the goods abroad: and it is likely, that what is directly proued due, is paid here to theirs. Then is the calamity of that journey more fearfull, because out of his owne ill Planet it maketh so many miserable. How this is recompenced it is neither my purpose, nor my part to examine: For certaine there is want of Trade: the *Hollander* would grow greater, if he had all this Trade in his own hands. The Kings customs are now aduanced: This way Shipwrights are set on worke, which must be maintained; and other Mechanical Trades liue hereby, with a number of poore busied. And surely he that would not haue the poore to liue, I would he might begge: And he that would not advance the Kings profite in all liberall manner; and Marchandize is a faire
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meanes, I would he might dye: and he that regardeth not his Countries good, it is pittie he was euer borne. I desire not, like a second *Phaeton*, to make a combustion. All that I would enforce at this time is, that in this trade our men are consumed, and thereby more want of Mariners. Let the *Straights-men*, and the *Lisbone-Merchants* complaine of their hinderance this way, and say their traffique before was more beneficiall by much, and more certaine to the Custom-house then the Indies be now. Let others report that the foundation of this trade was layd in the ruine of a *Caricke* that Sir *James Lancaster* tooke in the first voyage, and that the maine of this after-iollity proceeded of the forced trade driuen with the *Mecha* Fleet by Sir *Henry Middleton*, whereby diuers durst not go presently after to the *Straights*, as the *Angell*, and other shippes, out of rumour of reuenge for violence offered by our *Indian* men to the *Turkes* in the red sea. Let the cōmon people say that their commodities are vnneccessary: aske the *Tradesmen*, nay all men, what they haue cheaper: looke into the price of victuals how it riseth out of their great prouisions. Let the whole land murmur at the transport of treasure, and bring in *Charles* the fifth his opinion, speaking to the *Portugals* of their trade to the East Indies, who said that they were the enemies to Christendome, for they caried away the treasure of *Europe* to enrich the *Heathen*. Let goe the speech of the small reliefe thereby to the poore, and they whom it doth concerne, may suggest the *Indian* home state and particular profite

Wherein hee
was his owne
Trade-caruer
out of tenne
hundred thousand
pounds
worth of
goods.

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profite. Once I am sure, that as *Vespasian* the Emperour sayd, He had rather saue one Citizen, then kill one thousand enemies; so his royall Maiesty had rather haue his Subiects, then Custome for them: and you see plainly, that his Maiesties subiects, our country-men, fall this way, and this way is want of Mariners.

Greenland ships, which before I had forgotten, entertaine some Mariners, and helpe to breed others; as of late being fifteene saile, employ some foure hundred men, and may breed of these some fourescore, which helpe somewhat, and may be, by reasonable encouragement, farre more beneficiall, if it be more publique.

And thus we haue runne ouer the materiall trades state and condition in them of sea-men. In all in generall we conceiue want, in regard of the small increase of what is needfull to furnish this great *Machina*, this goodly Engine of our Seastate, either by supporting their owne members, (the *Newcastle* trade excepted) or all ioyned together, to make vp the great body of our Lands Navy: witnesse that general presse that was made of men from all the Coasts, to man the shippes that were to attend that matchlesse pearle, that peerlesse Princeesse the Lady *Elizabeth* her grace, with her hopefull and happy mate, the illustrious *Palatine*, at their departure; and our nakednesse that would appeare if there were sudden occasion to furnish some sixe of his Maiesties shippes: all which maketh for the furtherance of our proposition of fishing.

The third motiue hereto was *want of Employment.*

As the Cosmographers in their Maps, wherein they haue described the habitable Globe, vse to set downe in the extremity of their Cards, on vnknowne Regions and Climates, That beyond those places they haue noted there is nothing but sands without water, full of wilde beasts, or congealed seas, which no ship can saile, or *Scithyan* liue in: so may I write in the Map of employment, that out of it, without it, is nothing but fordid idlenes, base condition, filling the minde with a hundred Chymeraes and grosse fantasies, and defiling both body and minde with dissolute courses and actions; like fat ground neglected, that bringeth forth a thousand sorts of weeds, or vnprofitable hearbs. And with this disease is our Land affected, our people infected; whereby so many come to an vntimely & reproachfull death in the Land, & many more liue so dissolutely, and so wickedly on the seas. I doe not thinke that in any two kingdomes in *Europe*, there are so many Iustized for Murderers and Felons yearely, as in *England*. And aboue all Nations we are most infamous for Pyracies; wherein, against the law of sea-robbers, or at least, besides ordinary example of any other Nation, we forbear not to prey on our owne Country-men; nay, wee forbear not our owne acquaintance. Sure the want of grace, and feare of God, is much in most of these: but that men should leaue their wiues, children, and family, and rebel against their owne Soueraignes lawes

lawes, and make warre on all people, proceedeth more out of want of means, want of employment at home. Besides, how many that haue more grace, and the same wants, are straightned in their Fortunes, notwithstanding their abilities of body and minde; and are, as it were, damned to pouer- tie? and more then all these, that haue a litle grace, and lesse meanes, that leade the loathsome life of begging?

Now, if the meanes may be found, nay, if the meanes long found already be offered vnto vs, to redeeme vs out of this disaster, why should wee not vnderstand them? why should we not apprehend them? why should we not be industrious in them? Wee are not those rebellious Israelites that could not see the flowing Land, much lesse enioy it: we haue this place in possession, and if my *Ephemerides* faile me not, I dare say, *Natam inde esse artem*, that shall not onely take away all those discontents and miseries, that want of employment breeds in any of our infortunate countrey-men, but that shall also repaire our Nauie, breed sea men abundantly, enrich the subiect, aduance the Kings custome, and assure the kingdom; and all this in our owne Seas, by fishing, and especially out of Herring. Towards the which, apparant necessity hauing hitherto made vs the way, we are to perswade you to follow in it by the

Facility,
Profit, and
Vse of this fishing.

The Facility, in th at the meanes are in our owne hands.

The Place, our owne seas.

The Art, well knowne.

The meanes in our owne hands, in that we haue all things that shall be vsed about this businesse, growing at home in our owne Land (Pitch and Tarre excepted) whereas the *Hollander*, hauing nothing growing in their owne Land for it, is faine to goe to fixe seuerall Countries, and those remote, and vnder diuers Princes, to furnish themselves, and doe furnish themselves meereley with the barter of Fish and Herring taken out of our seas.

Then the place is not farre remoued, if in our owne Seas, if in his Maiesties Dominions, on the coast of *England, Scotland, Ireland*, is this principall fishing: for by the report of many exercised in this mysterie, and the relation of two especially, painefull herein by their Treatises, *Hitchcockes* and *Gentleman*,

The Herrings first, and towards the ending of Summer, shoote out of the deepes on both sides of *Scotland* and *England*; and beginne to do first so, on the *Scots* coast at Midsummer, when is the first and worst fishing.

The second and best is about Bartholomew-tide, from *Scarborough* in *Yorke-shire*, till you come to the *Thames* mouth.

The third, from the *Thames* mouth through the narrow Seas, but not so certaine, for that extreame weather maketh them shoote on both sides

sides of *Ireland*, likewise on the Coast of *Ireland* is good fishing for Herring, from *Michaelmas* to *Christmas*.

On the North-west seas of *England*, over against *Carlisle*, about *Wirkentowne*, is good fishing for Herring from *Bartholmew-tide* till fourteene daies after *Michaelmas*. So then it appeareth by these reports, that this fishing for Herring is especially on his Maiesties dominions. And to this end aske the ancient custome of the *Hollanders* and *Flemming*, that before they beganne their fishing for Herring, craued leaue of *Scarborough* aforesayd : which easily obtained, they then layd their Nets. And howsoever it pleaseth his Maiesty to allow of his royall Predecessours bounty, in tolerating the neighbour Nations to fish in his streames : yet other Princes take more straight courses. For whereas till *Christmas*, on the coast of *Norway*, called the *Mall Strand*, all strangers do fish, as *Hitchcockes* writeth, they then paid a *youkendale* on euery Last of Herring, to the King of *Denmarke*. And I can likewise remember, that certaine of our Merchants of *Hull* had their goods and Shippes taken away, and themselues imprisoned, for fishing about the Ward-house, and not paying the duty imposed on them by the King of *Denmarke*.

The place, our Seas likewise, for other necessary and profitable fishing : on the Coast of *Lancashire* from Easter to Midsummer, for Cod, for Hakes ; twixt *Wales* and *Ireland*, from *Whitfontide* vntill Saint *James-tide*, for Cod,

and Ling about *Padstow*, within the Lands end of Seuerne, from *Christmas* to middle Lent, and in feuen or eight seuerall places more about the Coasts, and within his Maiesties Dominions, the which is largely set downe by *Hitchcockes*.

Now besides this fishing treasure lyeth easily to bee found in our owne Seas, what good Harbours fitting thereto lye open to vs in our owne Coasts, as *Colchester*, *Harmich*, *Ipswich*, *Yarmouth*, with a number of other, set downe painfully by *Gentleman*, together with the commodities they affoord for Timber, Workmanship, furnishing, and harbouring Busses, Nets, and Men?

As the Hauens lye open to vs, as the Seas bee our owne, and as we haue all things almost fitting for such a businesse at home, and naturally, so that nothing may bee wanting to vs but our selues; the Art is well knowne to vs likewise. Maisters for Busses may be had from *Yarmouth* and *Sould*, and the rest of the coasts downe the riuer. Vse maketh Fishermen, and these places affoord store of Seafaring men for the purpose. In *Orford* Hauen and *Alborough* be many good Fishermen, whose abilities exercised in Busses, would (by *Gentlemans* report) put downe the *Hollander*. The like may be sayd of *Sould*, *Dunwich*, *Walderswich*, which breede Fishermen. In all these, and many other places, is this rich Art knowne, but not vsed. In all these, and all other, the *Hollanders* swimme like Elephants, we wading like Sheepe. We keep the Bankes and Shoales, when as they are in the depth.

Besides,

Besides, to encourage vs the more, the charges are not great, the paines are not great, the time is not long, the hazard is nothing at all. This is very apparant, and exactly set downe in *Gentleman* his Treatise, whom I shall but obscure to contract; neither is he long.

The next motiue to this fishing, was that of profite; wherein if euer it were true, that a good cause maketh a good Orator, here is a subiect to enable all meane Rhetoricians. Euery man almost is taken with the attention to profite. Loue doth much, but Mony doth all. Here is money, heere is profite in abundance, and diuers waies. In abundance, for that the whole charge of a Bussse, with all furniture and appurtenances, betweene thirty and forty Last, will cost about fise hundred pounds: the charges for keeping her a whole summer at Sea, may be some three hundred three score and fise pounds: the whole Summer filleth her three times, with making one hundred Last of barrells, amounteth to one thousand pounds; wherby, allowing one hundred pounds for weare of ships, and reparations of nets, there is gained fise hundred sixtie fise pounds by one Bussse in one yeare, and this is after ten pounds the Last, which was so rated in *Hitchcockes* time, which is some thirty three yeres agoe; the *Hollander*, now, selling them for fiseene, twenty pounds, and vpward the Last, at *Danske*. Hence one may gather of the great gaine, that euen riseth to a priuate purse, by this fishing, with a small aduenture, Busses being the maine (and those likely likewise

That is be
tweene sixtie
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to continue, by Gods grace, some twenty yeares) So then her charges returned for keeping her at sea; the first yeare also she quitteth her own selfe, and there is, I say, five hundred sixty five pounds, as long as she liueth afterwards, *declaro*. I would faine know, not desiring to be too curious in a strange Common-wealth, but rather to inuite my Countrey-men into this society, what Trade in the Land did euer in his strength promise so much; howsoeuer, neuer any, I am sure, performed so much, so easily, so continually.

When *Antiochus*, in his shew to *Hanniball* of his glorious Army in battel-range, his Elephants being most richly adorned, and all his Souldiers in very braue and costly harnesse and abilliments, willing to draw some acknowledgement from him of his power and strength, asked his opinion of it: the warlike Souldier replied againe, That it was an Armie able to satisfie the most couetous enemy. No question, though the *Carthaginian* noted the people of cowardise; yet it would require great charges, & cost some bloud, to ouercome such an Armie.

In the best Trade in appearance now that is, (and in those Countries certaine there are infinite riches) you see how remote it is, and with what cost of purse, and losse of people followed, yet without such satisfaction. Here is wealth enough to satisfie the most thirsty thereof, without much cost, without any spoyle; euen almost *Salmacida spolia*; if not, *sine sudore, sine sanguine*, and not for a time, but permanent. All other Trades are fetched,

ched as it were, out of a Well, out of the Deepe,
I meane from farre, heere is a meere spring which
is in superſicie hard by vs, out of our owne inex-
hauſtible Sea, from the euer-laſting ſtore of Her-
ring, whence onely the *Hollander* reapeth a milli-
on of gold yearely; beſides, the moſt gaineſull
fiſhing with other veſſels for *Cod* and *Ling*. *Hitch-
cockes* long agoe diſcouered the ſame, his booke
is extant; and fore-named *Gentleman* hath very
plainly ſet downe, and in very probable and par-
ticular manner diſcloſed the myſteries thereof.
And the conceit the *Hollanders* haue of it, calling
it their *Chiefeſt Trade and Gold-mine*: and the con-
fidence they haue in it, as laying out their Chil-
drens money giuen them by friends, in aduentu-
ring in Buſſes, and fathers likewise putting in their
childrens portions into Buſſes; preſume of the
increase that way, and ſo proportion a ſumme cer-
taine out of that gaine, in a certaine time; as alſo
that there is for Orphanes laid out, and ſo increa-
ſing that way for the maintenance of them. Here
then we may get treaſure in abundance, and cer-
tainly; and beſides the gaining of it, we ſhall ſtay
the vnnaturall tide of the departure and transpor-
tation of our gold; a miſchiefe, which notwith-
ſtanding our royall King was ſenſible of in the rai-
ſing of it, yet it ſtill departeth with *Veſtigia nulla re-
trorſum*, out of the lazy and diſgracious Merchan-
dize of our Coaſters, that giue away our coine to
the ſtranger for our owne fiſh. Which vnſeaſona-
ble and vnprofitable humor of *Cauponacion*, is this
way to be diuerted onely.

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But

But some will say, that our men are not so apt, nor disposed thereto: which cannot be, in regard of the store of Fishermen that our Coasts nourisheth, which live as hardly, and take as great paines in their fashion; onely wanting the vse of Buffes, & seeme to reioyce at the name of Buffes, and may on very good reason; for that this Buff-fishing is more easy then any other kind of fishing, which now we vse in Crayers and Punts, as being armed this way better against all weathers, which others suffer and perish in, in other vessels yearly. And as their prouisions are better, and the dangers lesse, so their paines are likewise lesse.

Againe, who will not be exceedingly encouraged with the benefite of such gaine, in so honest a manner, when once the sweete is tasted of, when as otherwise our Countrimen runne such laborious and desperate courses, especially out of want.

Others will say that our Land will not vtter them in any quantity, in regard that the feeding on her-ring, and fish, doth not taste vs, nor is so receiued as amongst those *Holland* and *Sealand* Mermaids. And sure, if those necessary Lawes prouided by our aduised State, for the keeping of fish daies cleane through our Land were better obserued, it would be more wholesome for our bodies, and make much for the aduancing of our fish, & plenty of other victuals; besides the deereness of our fish victuall, which more hurteth our purse then our appetites, for that the price is within this 20. yeares almost trebled, which indeed maketh the

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true distast, as all Householders finde, and theron
 feed their households with flesh, and otherwise;
 this fish victuall being now obtained by Merchan-
 dize, which indeed is our owne Staple commo-
 dity, whereon groweth this penury to the poore,
 this great price to others, this disvse to all, and in
 these the Kings, the kingdomes losse. Yet notwith-
 standing there is such quantity of herring, besides
 other fish, consumed amongst vs, that *Hitchcockes*
 alloweth 10000 Lasts for our prouision of her-
 ring to be spent here in the Realme; so that it wold
 saue at home 100000 pounds of treasure, which
 to our great shame and losse, the *Hollanders* carry
 away, euen for our owne prouision: besides, that
 prouision is of the worst, such as they call Roop-
 sicke, & such as they are forbidden to bring home.
 Now to be serued of our worst, whereas we might
 be our owne caruers, and to giue our gold for that
 we may haue for nothing; iudge of the losse, of
 the indignity. And as wee may easily remedy this
 by our owne industry, so we cannot otherwise
 excuse the fault: our gracious Prince, no que-
 stion, being ready to assist vs herein by the same
 fauourable authority which other Trades for their
 benefite taste most plentifully of, by forbidding
 the sale and vttering of herring to his loyall sub-
 iects by any forrainer or stranger whatsoever.
 And in *Holland* it is not lawfull for them to buy
 any of our Herring, if they be brought thither;
 Nay, if we bring any thither they are burned. Be-
 sides what other effects of his incomparable cle-
 mency would blesse our industries heerein, hee
 being

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being Lord *Paramount* of these Seas where this fishing food groweth, and which now is taken by strangers? and therefore hee would not questionlesse allow strangers to eate vp the foode that was provided for the children; the crummes we would not enuy them, though wee are now fed vnder their Table.

Now farther it may be alleaged, that we can vtter no such quantity, nor can affoord no such pennyworth. For the first, that must arise out of our diligence. No question we once attaining the Art of the Flemish vsage of these Herring, they will be in as great estimation as the Hollanders, in *Normandy, Nants, Burdeaux, Rochell*, and other such Countries; for which, returne is made of Wine and Woad, for which is alwaies paid ready gold, with a number of other commodities. They will be in as great estimation in the East Countries, *Reuel, Rie, Russe, Danske, Poland, Denmarke*, the returnes whereof are set downe in *Gentleman*. And the quantity of Herring that these fore-named Countries consume is infinite. Therefore though the Hollanders spend more Fish and Herring by much, in their Countries then we do, yet it is their forraigne Trade with all other Nations that is their *Basis*, else they could neuer employ so many Shippes, nor gaine such wealth, or get such strength thereby. And in all these places wee can and doe Trade, and all their returnes wee neede and vse, and therefore may vtter them in as great a quantity as they doe.

Then

Then for the affoording of Herring and Fish at as good a rate as they can, let any consider of the likelyhood in our behalfe. First it standeth with reason, if we haue the like vessels, we can go with as few men: and our fishermen on the Coast, by diuers reports, can liue as hardly as they. And let any iudge of the hardnesse, when the principall time of fishing for Herring is in September and October, and a sixe weekes time, and they are almost in sight of our owne Coasts; and besides good prouision of butter and cheese and Beere, they haue the plenty of the sea-fish: then this way wee may affoord as good penyworths as they. But I goe further, and say that we haue great vantages of them.

The Seas be our owne, therefore we iourney not so farre as the Hollander doth, whereby likewise our trauaile and charge must be lighter: our ports, harbours and roades be at hand; nay, which is more, all *utenfiles* and appurtenances belonging to shipping, as is before shewed (Pitch and Tarre excepted) are found in our owne Land; whereas they with great cost, paines, and hazard, fetch them from fixe seuerall places. So then we shall be able to affoord better cheape then the Hollanders; and so we may sell when they cannot, and so the *English* shall and may weary them, and weare out those flouts wherewith our poore Fisher-men are scorned. For if they bee put by the vtering of their Herrings abroad, they will bee driuen to leaue their great Ships, and fish in smaller vessels neere the

You English
we will make
you glad to
weare our old
shoes.

shore to serue their owne turnes, as heretofore they haue caused vs to doe; when as likewise on euery tempest they openly triumph ouer vs, for not taking the blessings of God powred into our lappes.

These hinderances objected taken away, wee may now resort againe to the sweete fountaine of profite: which besides that it watereth our priuate estates with the continuall spring of great gaine, keepeth in our treasure, which exceedingly now wasteth, bringeth in all commodities that either the East and North Countries, *France*, or *Flaunders*, affoordes euen for this barter; it runneth into the sea of the Kings custome: the venting onely of ten thousand Last of Herring beyond sea, commeth to fise thousand pounds after the rate of the ordinary poundage, besides the custome of Cod and Ling, very neere as valuable as the benefit of Herring, the particular view whereof is set downe by him whom I haue so often named, & in whose booke you may see the greatnesse of the custome amounting to aboue 50000 pound starling, that accrueeth to those Countries out of this fishing Trade. And yet all this to them is nothing: their keeping in their treasure, their carrying away our treasure, their aboundance with all other commodities, their greatnesse of their custome this way, is nothing in regard of their profit, honor, safety, that their increase of shipping, increase of Mariners this way begetteth to themselues, amongst all nations, to their state.

The life of the sea is in shipping, nay one may say

say to ships, *Mare non est mare, vos estis mare*. The beauty of the Sea is in Shipping: and sure the Poets affirming *Venus* to be the daughter of the sea, might meane a Ship by her. For *Hec una Venus omnium surripuit Vener: s:* and this little land of the *Hollanders*, exceeded in quantity by *Norfolke* and *Suffolke*, hath gotten this sea, hath gained this *Venus*; *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Spaine*, for shipping and sea-faring men, not answerable to them; and all spawned out of fish and fishing.

There hath bene numbred in sight two thousand saile of Busses, and other good vessels, gone out to sea at once of the *Hollanders*: and there hath beene found (by computation) some thirty seuen thousand Fishermen in diuers sorts of vessels at one time employed herein. Hence proceede their great vndertakings, and prodigious aduenturing to all places: hereby they out-goe vs, and ouer-beare all Trades where euer they come. Wee thinke the West-Indie gold to be the cause of the pride and presumption of *Spaniards*: we may assure our selues, that our North-Indies counteruaile that treasure, and are the onely confidence of the *Hollander*; euen by breeding sea-men, and increasing of shipping in that abundance, as that hereby they both swarme euery where, and *France*, *Spaine*, and the East Countries are full of their shipping. Hence they fetch our coales, and carry them abroad; from *Norway* and *Danske* they bring vs all commodities, and carry forth ours, at a farre better rate then we can our selues: they haue filled *Moscow*, whence we are emptied, with thither shipping.

shipping; and the *Straights* abound with them, once our possession. They go into, nay they arme in the West Indies where we may not be seene; and in the East Indies they haue had long settled Factories before vs, and haue foure men to one of ours there, and go beyond vs as farre, besides the number in store of goodly shipping; whereby, as they hinder our trade, so they forbear not (which I cannot but write with stomacke) the honour of our King and kingdome, as presuming sometimes to call themselues *English*, and pretend Embassage, and presents from his Maiesty. Which they did to the King of *Siam*: in other places calling the Crowne and State of *England* into comparison; which made the King of *Achem* aske captaine *Best*, whether the King of *England*, or the King of *Holland*, were the greater Monarke.

Besides, what an infinite number of shippes and men of warre haue they alwayes in a readinesse at home? And as the In-keeper of *Chalcis* sayd to his guest, admiring *tantam ferculorum varietatem*, It was with Art all cookt out of pork; this their store, this their aboundance, is raised all out of fishing. Who then would not be moued? who would not be stirred vp therewith? Who would not goe a fishing? You see what want we haue of shipping, what want we haue of Mariners, what discouragements we haue in trades, what wants our men are in. When *Naaman* the *Sirian* complained to *E-lizeus* of his leprosie, he was bid wash himselfe in *Jordan* seuen times. He looked for other miraculous courses to be taken by the Prophet, and could hardly

hardly be perswaded thereto, because *Abna* and *Pharphar* (floods of *Damascus*) were better. *Naaman* was a Heathen, and had neuer any experience of Gods *Jordan*: yet hee was in the end perswaded. To supply our wants, to satisfie our hunger, to heale our diseases, there is not a riuer, but a Sea, shewen vs, and that not in another kingdom, but in our owne; wee are but bidden goe and take fish out of it. Wee are Christians, and it is God that hath provided this remedy: and wee see by experience no water like ours, and wee see our neighbours from every place resorting thereto, and healing themselues thereby. You see how it concerneth vs; let vs in the end likewise be perswaded. What the number is of our Sea-men, bred and employed by all sorts of Seatrades, (our petty fishings excepted) may easily be ghest at; and whatsoeuer it may amount to. If out of our whole Land there bee but foure hundred Busses built, and set forth, of seenty tunne the peece, there are in two yeares nine thousand Mariners more then was in the Land before: let men of experience and state iudge of the proportion by the way of comparison, euery one can perceiue the increase simply. Besides, by the report of some of our best Mariners, these thus bred, proue not onely equall, but better able then any bred otherwise, for Sea-affaires, and publike seruice.

On this publik profit of fishing thus spread abroad the maintenance of Hauens and Hauen-townes in *England* besides, haue no small dependencie, and are so materiall to the land, so plainly vnder-

stood of all his Maiesties subiects; and so well wished to by *Hitchcockes* and *Gentleman*, that it is enough for me but to poynt at them: we all know the vse of them: they shew the decay; and this Art, the reparation and maintenance of them.

The vse of this fishing is implied much in the profite, but more eminent by the consideration againe of the infinite number otherwise of idle people, & out of employment. Onely by this Art, it is reported not one goeth a begging in all the *Low-countries*; and what a number of people haue we, that, now destitute of meanes, may this way haue a calling? It is a grieuous sin, Idlenesse, and bringeth forth, as we see, horrible effects: to get a liuing by the sweat of our brows, is the ordinance of God, & this way there is a recompence. There were found in *Yarmouth* the last yeare, three or foure hundred, and those of honest disposition, that wanted meanes: & how many hundred more are there in other places, that wold gladly be thus vsed? *Hitchcockes* alloweth to euery one in this employment, twenty pounds yearely, besides his diet, for his reward, a good saour to honest men that now haue no meanes; and this onely out of two voyages for Herring. A number of Carpenters and Shipwrights shall be set a work, Coopers busied numbers of people making lines, ropes, cables, dressers of hempe, spinners of thrid, makers of Nets, bred; many salt-houses set vp, besides what store of poore people, all along on the sea-coasts, which are now very poore and idle in *England* and *Wales*, to be vsed in splitting of fish, washing of fish, packing, salting, carrying and re-carrying.

carrying of fish. And on these foresaid occupati-
ons depend an infinite number of seruants, boyes
& daily labourers, for the vse of things needfull.
Nilus, whose fertility is enuied, affoordeth not so
many sorts of fish, of monsters, as this fishing en-
tertaineth sorts of people : which humbly com-
mitting to the high disposer of all hearts, & to the
due consideration therby of his Ministers here on
earth, I will leaue further to enlarge; and shut vp
this abrupt discourse with the allusion of that of
Basil to this sea-businesse, *Putci dum hauriuntur spe-*
ciosiores.

Now for a Corollary to all these imperfect lines:
whereas in the superficiall suruey of want of ship-
ping, we find most of our sea-trades, either decay-
ing, or at a stay, let me out of themselues, without
offence, propound the consideration of one re-
medy therto; euen by a *freedom of Traffique* for all
his Maiesties subiects to al places. Hereby his ma-
iesties customes will increase, the nauy & sea-men
will receiue nourishment out of more employ-
ment, the whole incorporation of marchants reap
comfort, in that they may communicate with all
aduentures, and the vniversal body of the subiects
of the land content, in that they may become mer-
chants; being very ready in this aduentrous world
to make new discoueries: whereas now otherwise
merchandize, sorting & settled in companies, con-
fineth merchants into those limits that priuate or-
ders tie them in, so that they may not helpe them-
selues through any discouragements in one trade,
but by sute and submission of themselues to the o-
ther; though, I say, their trades faile them, and o-

ther haue too much: nor may any else of the kingdome come amongst them, though neuer so able and well disposed, vnlesse they come in on such conditions as the victor pleaseth to propound. A thing in ordinary sence somewhat harsh to fellow-subiects, and equall Citizens in this great Monarchie, to be so seruiceably tyed and subiect one vnto the other; and the rather for that those priuiledges, by the indulgencie of the Prince, being granted as a reward to some for their industries, and exemplary to others incouragements, are strictly vsed to the eternall benefite of a few, and the wrong of all the residue.

The *French* company manifesteth this plainly, which if it had continued (and it beganne but the other day) had vndone all the *Westerne* men.

The *Moscouie* company declareth the same, as being granted on condition of seruing his Maicesty of all materials (as Flaxe, Oyle, Waxe, Tallow, Cordage) belonging to shipping: whereas now it is supplied by strangers, euen ten for one ship, and those double our burdens; and notwithstanding they doe not performe, and haue let fall their Trade, yet none may enter but on their conditions.

The *Greenland* company, out of the pretence of their first Whale-hunting, keepe all Fishermen, notwithstanding they knew and vsed those seas, from further resort thither: and some Marchants of *Hull* were taken by them in that iourney, and brought backe; notwithstanding, as I am informed, those countrey-men found it first.

The *Virginia* company pretend almost all that Maine twixt it and *New-found-land* to bee their Fee-simple, whereby many honest and able mindes, disposed to aduenture, are hindred, and stopped from repairing to those places, that either knew or would discover vnfound euen for fishing.

The *East India* men, not able to furnish those places they resort to, keepe out other from coming amongst them, and to looke into those parts they know not, and would giue out of their largenesse and riches, entertainment to all the Marchants in the Land. Besides, how tedious and costly they, and all other Companies, make it to their owne Associates, when as out of orders, and cause of vpholding their Trade, men can neither dispose of their owne as they would, nor haue the benefite vnder a long time. Besides, how priuate doe they, and other Companies, make it, when as out of orders and maintaining their Trade, how plentifully soeuer the commodities are brought in, and at what advantage soeuer they buy them, they will be sure to keepe vp the price, either by sending forth most part of the commodities abroad, or else by buying all others into their hands; that other is hard for the owner sometimes, but he doth it in his owne wrong; but to the buyer this is alwaies iniust, for that he suffereth against his will, the common-wealth being made private, suffereth by all; this, that, the first, and all the more discōtentful, in that besides that all other Nations resort freely to all those places whence they keepe out their owne Country-men, the like

fashion of Companies and Societies is not vsed in all Christendome else; it being lawfull and vsuall to all other amongst themselves, promiscuously to frequent and communicate with places, and Trades, one by the other. Nay, this separation of Trading, and excepting of Subiects from places, betweene diuers Princes that had but peace one with the other, was so admired and disallowed of, formerly, that *Charles* the 5 Emperour, being moued by the Portugals, being vnder their owne absolute King then, to forbear the East-Indie Trade, because they had found it; answered, That he had peace with them, and therefore he would haue Trade with them; for they were not his friends, but his enemies, that would hinder him of it. How much more we, murmuring at this iniquity, may affirme that we are all *Britaines*, all subiects to one royall King, all combined together in one naturall league, and therefore not to be barred from trading equally to all places, which his gracious Maiesty, together with the whole assent of the high Court of Parliament, openly professeth, when as there was enacted free liberty for all his Maiesties Subiects, to Trade into the Dominions of *Spaine*, *Portugall* and *France*, with most sufficient reasons therfore; for the increase of shipping, mariners, thousands of Handicrafts men, of prices of their owne commodities, and augmentation of them, together with the plenty of forraine commodities, & a cheapnesse of them, & the bettering of his Maiesties customes. No one man euer inuented all Sciences, nor any Merchant found all places: yet they make a compensation one

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one to another. Society first beganne, and knowledge and ciuility, by communication. But if the world in his infancy had beene resolved to haue held priuate what they had in possession, and to haue concealed what they knew, there had not onely been no ciuility, but no society. Yet as the first maintainers of Society had their honour; the first inuentors of Sciences and Arts their rewards; and in all well-disposed States, the Industries of those that do benefit them, haue their encouragements: so is not this my proposition of free Trade otherwise entertained, then that there should be a due respect had of all worthy aduenturers, an especial consideration of the charges and hazard of the first discoueries: which the solertious *Hollander* examples vs, by forbidding their owne Subiects to trade to those places which some particular purse hath, or shall finde out, before that the first Founders haue receiued reasonable benefite of their paines and charges; allowing them some fixe returnes to their owne priuate aduentures, before any else set thitherward. If those aduentures or returnes were increased here for the Finders content, and profit: there is no man would grudge it. But to keepe others out for ever, vnlesse they pay, and submit themselves according to their order, and to their gouernment; or vnder the pretence of one place found to include more then was euer meant; seemes very iniurious. Againe, my Proposition is not any way so tumultuous, as that thereby I would excuse all order and forme of Gouernment, in Trades, or otherwise to intend a promiscuous kind of calling, or rather confusion
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of all sorts. Who knoweth not that the Common-wealth consisteth, *Non ex medico, & medico; sed ex medico, & Agricola?* as also that there must be an Oeconomicall and discrete partition and proportion among the members; Diuers trades, to maintaine the generall body Commerce? I haue onely poynted at some aberrations, but as the Nouice, travelling through strange Countries, *Tapnando*, or *tanquam canis ad Nilum*. The prosecuting of this Argument would draw on a larger discourse then all the whole former, and would then exceed a Corollary, and detain the Reader too long. Neither like I the issue of meddling, when men tire themselues with controuling of publicke matters, yet many times cannot manage their owne affaires. I make no intrusion into Merchants Mysteries, neither desire to pry into the States secrecie. It was a foolish complaint of the Poet, *Cur aliquid vidi?* it is much more for me to say, *Cur aliquid scripsi?* I am so far from giuing any cause of publique offence, that I would not iustly prouoke any priuate person. I was borne in the Cittie, and liue amongst Sea-men. And as some Almanack-makers, when they pretend exactnesse in their Calculations, though they doe but roue, vse to appropriate their obseruations to the place they liue in: so I, writing with the same knowledge, would say I desire good to the Meridian of these two places; notwithstanding, as they say also, These may serue alike to all the Land.

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